

November 5, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Supt. Gray; Aaron Burks – Bernardin Lochmueller; Mike Burris; Comm. Maynard; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit was not present.

Chief Waters stated he has ordered the building they discussed at the last meeting. As for the repairs on the Surrey trailer itself, the estimate he has is \$6,000, which, after speaking with some others, he has realized it is not worth spending the money for the repairs. He added once the trailer is under roof, it should be fine.

Board member Fuelling stated that if small repairs are made over the years, it might work out better.

Chief Waters agreed and added Comm. Maynard has given him some space at the Street Department for the building, which should be completed in two to four weeks.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated in the audit exit conference held earlier in the week, the fixed assets came up again, and he understands Supt. Givens and Supt. Gray are working on that, as well as the liens for the Wastewater Department.

Comm. Maynard stated he was contacted by the school about some old temporary classrooms they have. He stated they wondered if the Street Department might have a use for them for storage or even office/break room space. He stated he and Asst. St. Comm. Miller will take a look at them tomorrow and see if they could use them.

Board member Fuelling added he taught in them for several years and some of them are very nice. He then stated he wanted to thank the Street Department for their help on the tree plantings thus far.

Comm. Maynard concluded his report by stating they have been having some issues with the leaf vac machines, one has a screen that was blown completely out. He stated other than that, they are caught up on the routes.

Board member Higgins added she had not heard any complaints.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated anyone with additions/changes to the 2010 Supplies Advertisement should get them to her before the end of next week so they can be sent to the newspaper. She added if she hears nothing, she will run the notice the same as in years past.

Mayor Tucker stated he believes they have bids to open for the new lightening loader.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the bids in the order in which they received, as follows:

Best Equipment	\$137,021.94
Municipal Equipment	\$139,830.00
Armor Equipment	\$138,737.00 plus \$1,460.00 freight

Board member Higgins moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids and they be tabled for review by Comm. Maynard and Attorney Higgins. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they are moving ahead on the riverfront project and November 4, the bids were opened and they are now in the hands of INDOT. He added he believes a firm out of Newburgh was the low bidder. He then stated BLA was selected as the inspection engineer on the project, per the scoring team and they have the contract before them today for acceptance and signatures.

Board member Fuelling moved the contract with BLA for inspection engineers be accepted and signed. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated Aaron Burks is present with BLA concerning the sewer project. Mr. Burks stated he is present to discuss Change Order #2 and as they can see from the handout, the reason for the change order is simply unforeseen circumstances, in the amount of \$274,000.00. He added due to some of this, their substantial completion date has had to be moved back 59 days to November 28, 2009. He added the final completion date is December 28, 2009. He then stated the contract is 95% done as of today, and they will make the completion date.

Supt. Givens stated Mr. Burris, the project engineer, is present to explain if there are any questions.

Board member Fuelling stated he feels good about the project and he has been keeping up on it. He added they have had great timing on the project.

Mr. Burks agreed and added the city is very fortunate to have had the contractor they did, they have done a great job.

Board member Higgins agreed and added some things just came up during the project that they could not have foreseen.

Mr. Burks stated these circumstances are not unique to Mt. Vernon, they come up everywhere, especially when you are dealing with 100 year old infrastructure.

Board member Fuelling stated he is also glad they have detailed drawings now.

Mr. Burris added they ran into smaller things along the way as well that they just went ahead and fixed, no change orders for them.

Supt. Givens and he and Mr. Burks met with Attorney Higgins on all of these change orders.

Board member Fuelling asked about contingency money ?

Mayor Tucker replied there was 10% built in, and they are getting close to that.

Mr. Burks stated his original cost of the project was between \$1.72 and \$2M, they are at \$1.692 currently. He added there was a \$250,000 buffer originally as well, +/- errors. He stated he does not anticipate any large changes at this point.

Board member Fuelling asked if paving is part of this ?

Mr. Burris replied yes and that hopefully next Wednesday they will start with that, for those on Water Street.

Mr. Burks added the Board can be assured that CSO 004 is done.

Mr. Burris further added the manhole rehabilitation is all done as well.

Mayor Tucker stated he is very happy to hear about CSO 004 as that has been hanging over the city's head for many years and the EPA and IDEM have really been pushing that issue. He state that is a load off and he appreciates everyone's hard work.

With that, Board member Fuelling moved they accept Change Order #2. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer